An Update on Standards: Acquisition and the Upcoming WIS3 Standards Workshop

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This winter has seen great work and progress for the standards community. Our office has been working hard to reach out to our partners in government, industry, and the non-profit community to discuss and advance standards in government, acquisition, and more. We?re also very excited about the second Workshop for Information Sharing & Safeguarding Standards (WIS3) [1], or more affectionately, Standards Palooza on January 23, 2013 *March 21, 2013 - note: WIS3 has been rescheduled to be held in cooperation with the Object Management Group Technical Meeting in Reston, Virginia. A complementary morning session will still be held on January 23 for attendees who made non-refundable travel plans. For those who are interested in attending who have not yet registered, information is forthcoming. See more details below.*

Standards-Based Acquisition

We?ve had some great discussions with our mission partners about ACT-IAC?s white paper: Responsible Information Sharing: Engaging Industry to Improve Standards-Based Acquisition & Interoperability (PDF) [2]. PM-ISE Kshemendra Paul and GSA Associate Administrator of Government-wide Policy Kathleen Turco have also been featured in several interviews and articles about standards and acquisition that you may find interesting:

- Federal News Radio: GSA, ISE begin work on creating a standards-based acquisition process [3]
- AOL Government: GSA, ISE Seek Standards-Based Innovation in Proposal to Industry [4]
- Federal Computer Week: 5 ways feds can interoperate [5]

Workshop on Information Sharing and Safeguarding Standards (WIS3)

The upcoming WIS3 will be a forum for thought leaders and technology experts to discuss critical information safeguarding and sharing issues. Last year?s WIS3 brought over 200 government, industry, and non-profit participants together. They discussed and determined the next steps to defining standards and frameworks that enable information sharing and safeguarding. As Chris Traver from the Department of Justice?s Bureau of Justice Assistance said, ?The WIS3 event was a great opportunity to collaborate across government on common challenges and opportunities.?

WIS3 will hold panels and sessions that will address a wide range of issues that pertain to information sharing & safeguarding challenges. Government CIOs will convene to discuss how their agencies engage with technology, data, and information. The four expert panel session topics are:

- Privacy/Technology Framework
- Information Sharing and Interoperability Standards

- Shared Frameworks and Services
- Audit and Security

~~WIS3 will be held from 8:30 AM ? 3:45 PM on Wednesday,~~ January 23, 2013 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Virginia. The registration fee is $150.

Update from IJIS: WIS3 Rescheduled to March 21, 2013

Due to a smaller than expected registration for the Workshop on Information Sharing and Safeguarding Standards (WIS3), which was scheduled for January 23, 2013 from 8:30 AM ? 3:45 PM in Arlington, Virginia, we have made the decision to reschedule this event.

The rescheduled WIS3 event will be held in cooperation with the [Object Management Group](#) [6] (OMG). The event will be co-located with their [Technical Meeting](#) [7] on Thursday, March 21, 2013, from 8:30 AM ? 3:45 PM at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1800 President?s Street, Reston, Virginia. OMG has graciously allowed us to use their [discounted hotel rates](#) [8] which end on Feb. 22. (NOTE SESSION LEADERS: We will soon be sending you additional information on the March event.)

We believe that decisions to participate were affected by several factors that have negatively impacted registration, most substantially restricted spending on travel and conference attendance by both government agencies and private sector contractors as a result of the continuing sequestration threats. We sincerely hope this situation will improve as the year progresses.

In addition to the rescheduled event in March, we will host a **complimentary morning session for previously registered WIS3 attendees on January 23, from 9:00 AM ? 12:00 PM** at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Virginia. The session will include updates by staff from the Program Manager for the Information Sharing Environment (PM-ISE), and expert presentations on major issues facing the national information sharing initiatives. The presentations will be followed by an open discussion on national programs and industry perspectives on these important initiatives.

Since attendees have already paid a registration fee of $150 for the WIS3 on January 23, we will apply that to the event in March unless you advise us otherwise. Please contact Pamela Thomas, at pamela.thomas@ijis.org [9] to advise her of your decision.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience this change may have caused you. We look forward to seeing you at the IJIS Institute Industry Briefing, at the Badge & Tech Benefit, and again in March for WIS3.

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[1] http://www.ijis.org/_newsroom/workshop.html

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